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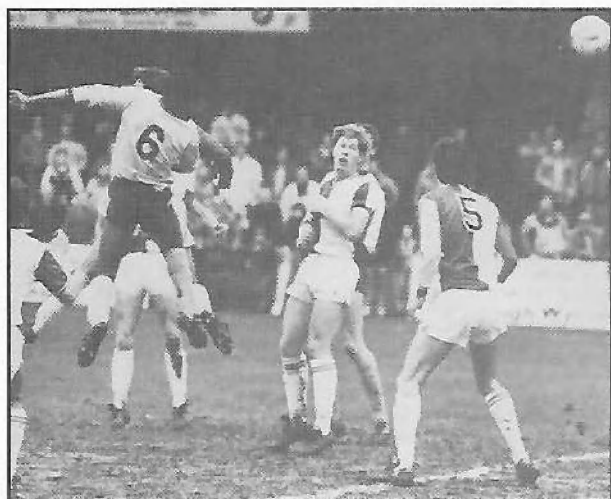


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Andy Kerr powers in a header despite the close attention of numerous Kidderminster players in our 1-0 victory.

time - was expected to demonstrate just how real or otherwise such ambitions actually were. It was patently obvious to all, that public interest in the club and its steady rise up the Conference table was higher than it had been for many years, and it was hoped that the visit of Kidderminster would attract a 3,000-plus crowd; the astonishing figure of 4,239 took even the most optimistic by surprise. But as if this was not enough to gladden the hearts of all Wycombe's people, the team chose this occasion in which to turn in a magnificent performance, completely outplaying the Harriers in all departments, who must have been relieved that their defeat was only by a solitary goal. That goal did not arrive until 10 minutes after half time by Andy Kerr, who celebrated in style at the gasworks end. It was said that the roar which acclaimed the goal was clearly heard in the centre of the Octagon Shopping Centre and on the far reaches of the Rye playing fields. The Midweek and the Bucks Free Press wrote glowing praise of the team, and reported that Director Brian Lee (manager of the legendary Wycombe teams of the seventies) had generously told Jim Kelman that it had been the finest footballing performance he had ever seen from a Wycombe team. Few would have argued, in the generally euphoric mood which surrounded the Club for days afterwards (until the Wednesday at least). At this stage of the season big matches were coming thick and fast, and with the FA Trophy tie with Merthyr Tydfil only three days away, the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup was sacrificed at Marlow, Jim Kelman fielding a reserve side which was overwhelmed to the tune of 5-0. It did not make pretty viewing, particularly as a large crowd had assembled, obviously in expectation of seeing a more genuine contest. There were no complaints the following Saturday when Merthyr were beaten 2-0 at Loakes Park (both sides missing penalties in the process). The tie was played on a quagmire of a pitch and in front of a crowd of 3,434, including a large contingent from Mid-Wales who must have been glad to be segregated in a covered section of the ground - unlike their Wycombe counterparts who got very wet, but went home happy with the result and excited at the prospect of the Wanderers appearing in Monday's Quarter-Final draw. It was difficult to see who in the last 8 would be capable of stopping the in-form Wycombe team. The FA Trophy, so it seemed, was there for the taking. The Quarter-Final draw gave us an away tie at either Hyde United or Windsor and Eton, and once

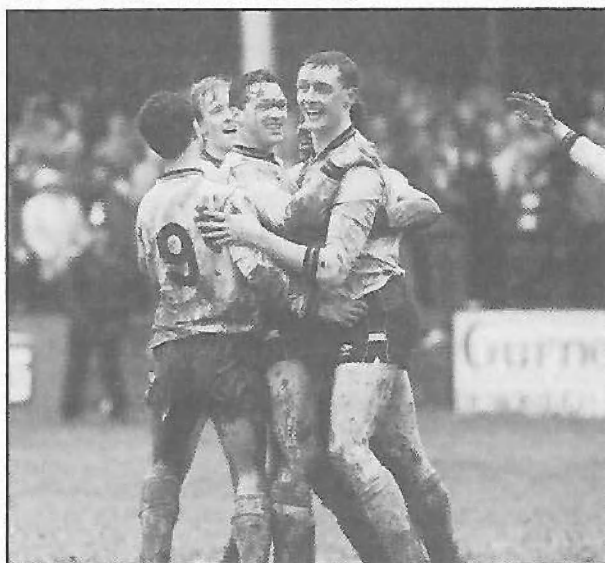
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Mud splattered Wycombe players celebrate Glyn Creaser's first ever goal for Wycombe in our 2-0 F.A. Trophy victory over Merthyr Tydfil.

Hyde had won their home replay with Windsor, all that stood between Wycombe Wanderers and a place in the Semi Final was a team on the fringes of the HFS Loans (Northern Premier) League title race and their plastic pitch. After a home Conference fixture with Yeovil Town resulting in a 1-1 draw (in front of another 3,000 plus crowd at Loakes Park), approximately 1,000 Wycombe followers travelled up to the outskirts of Manchester for a match with Hyde. The mood was one of great optimism, the Wycombe team having been on such formidable form for so long, but it was optimism laced with a dash of uncertainty and anxiety with the artificial pitch in mind. Our dreams were shattered. This is not the time and place to debate the pros and cons of artificial pitches in football, but it must be recorded that the manner of our team's



John Kerr dances past a Hyde defender in our plastic nightmare in the F.A. Trophy

defeat confirmed the worst fears about the surface. The players, for their part, battled hard, but their strengths as a team lay in their ability to play open, attractive football and it soon became apparent that there was no room here for such niceties. A Hyde free kick was punted deep into the Wycombe penalty area shortly after half time and was met with a firm header for the only goal of a sad and frustrating afternoon. Not until the very last minute were the Blues able to create a clear-cut goalscoring chance, Kevin Durham being the unfortunate player to see his shot screw across the face of the goal, and with it the Twin Towers disappeared over the horizon for another year. Hyde celebrated their victory enthusiastically, and were then comfortably beaten by Telford United over the two legged Semi-Final. How we would have loved a second leg.

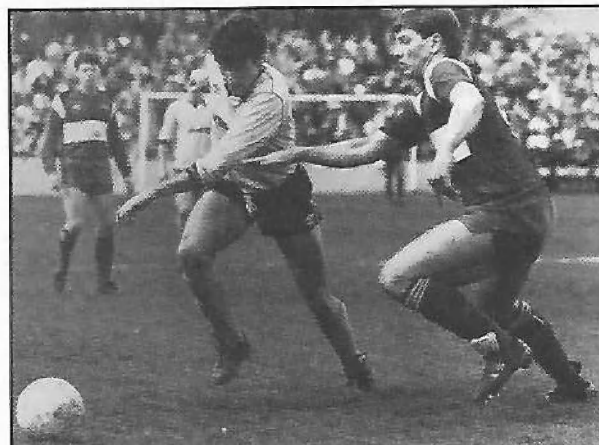
The cloud of gloom hanging over the club was suddenly dispersed four days later when the Club announced to an astonished non-league football world that the Barnet striker Nicky Evans was signing for the Wanderers, for a record non league transfer fee of £25,000 (£35,000 if BBC Radio Two and some newspapers were to be believed). One or two seasons ago paying such a fee would have been unthinkable, and it reflected both the considerable changes which had taken place in the semi-professional game since the formation of the Conference, and the new level of ambition within Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. With building work on the club's new Adams Park Stadium about to commence at Sands, it had already been decided that, should the Wanderers pull off the remarkable feat of winning this season's Conference title, then the Club would spend whatever was required to bring Loakes Park up to the necessary safety standards to ensure that promotion to the Football League would not be missed.

Evans made his Wycombe debut the following Saturday at home to Boston United, and within the first half hour had scored two superb goals which proved enough for a 2-1 win, thus ending Boston's long unbeaten league record and extending our own. A week later, on the last Saturday in March, Evans was on the score-sheet again along with John Kerr in an excellent 2-1 win away at Telford United, a result which lifted the Wanderers into 3rd place in the Conference table. At times like this, simply gazing at the Conference league table in the Sunday morning papers was an endless pleasure for the Wycombe fans. Two days after the win at Telford there



Nicky Evans in action in his two goal debut against Boston.

was an Easter Monday visit from Macclesfield Town, attracting a crowd of approaching 4,000 to Loakes Park. On a Monday afternoon with such a large enthusiastic crowd inside the ground, it was a sight to behold for everyone connected with the Club, especially those of us who, just 5 years ago, thought the days of gates over 1,000 for non league football at Loakes Park were a thing of the past. On this occasion it was Macclesfield who seized the initiative when they opened the scoring mid-way through the second half, but a John Kerr equaliser preserved our unbeaten run and sent the fans home reasonably happy. April began with a trip up the A40 to Cheltenham, where a subdued performance from the Blues on another hard, dry pitch nevertheless earned another 3 points and another away victory, by virtue of a late goal from Kevin Durham, which nicely set up yet another Loakes Park match seven days later with 3rd

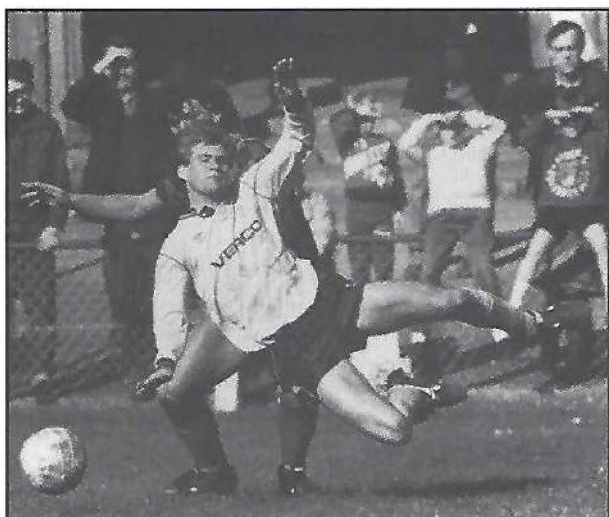


Steve Abbley tries to round defender Gerard Creane in our 1-0 defeat by Kettering in the GMVC.

place Wycombe taking on Kettering, top of the table and joint favourites with Maidstone for the Championship. This match set the record for the season's highest attendance in the GM Vauxhall Conference, the figure of 4,890 including about 1,000 supporting the Northants Club. Once again the Wanderers relished the big match atmosphere and for the first hour of the match were by far the better side, causing several awkward moments for the robust Kettering defence. On at least two occasions the Wycombe forward line were denied a deserved opening goal by quite breathtaking saves from their excellent goalkeeper Andy Beasley, before a harmless looking header by Kettering's substitute Cohen Griffiths took a wicked deflection off Glyn Creaser and into John Granville's net for the only goal of the game. Kettering's

fans and players were overjoyed at obtaining three points from their visit to Loakes Park, but from our point of view the result more or less signalled the end of any hope we had in making a late run for the Conference Championship, particularly as the demise of Newport County and the expunging of all their results had taken six points (and a goal difference of 10-3) from our playing record.

Now mid-April and with six league fixtures remaining, the main aim was to simply finish the season in as high a league position as possible, and there was no lack of commitment to this cause when we visited a sparsely populated Southbury Road the following Tuesday evening to face Enfield. After the first minute goal from Mark West had been equalised, Dave Carroll found the net to give us a 2-1 lead. Another Enfield equaliser appeared to have tied up the game at 2-2 but with seven minutes remaining an electrifying burst of speed into the penalty area by John Kerr was halted at the cost of a penalty, duly converted by Mark West. Within seconds of the restart a brilliant move down the left flank ended with West gleefully running onto a low cross and thumping the ball home for a 4-2 lead, enthusiastically celebrated as always by the travelling fans behind the goal. A last minute Enfield goal shortened the margin to 4-3, but did not diminish the



John Kerr is sent flying by this Altrincham defender in our 2-1 victory at Loakes Park.

satisfaction of achieving another away win, and holding our 4th place in the Conference table. The following Saturday's 2-1 win at Loakes Park over Altrincham was a much less eventful affair, but in any case will be remembered for the news which filtered through during the course of the afternoon of the shocking and distressing occurrences at the FA Cup Semi Final in Sheffield. The cloud of depression and sadness which fell over the professional game as a result of the Hillsborough tragedy was also felt throughout the non-league game, and for some time our football disappointments, hopes and ambitions faded into a more shallow perspective. Our first fixture following the disaster was away to Sutton United seven days later, and a stranglehold of sorts Wycombe side surprisingly crashed 0-3, the goals coming in the last quarter of the game.

The Chairboy's penultimate away fixture of the season was at Macclesfield the following Saturday. The atmosphere was rather different, with just over 1,000

people present, including many from Wycombe, to that which had prevailed when the two sides had met at Loakes Park a month earlier, despite the fact that the Silkmen had recently booked a trip to Wembley for the FA Trophy final. Nevertheless, it took an intelligent, resolute performance to take all three points from one of the Conferences more daunting Northern outposts; and, the assistance of a Steve Abbley cross being deflected off an opponents knee and looping over the helpless keeper's head for the only goal of the game. Own goal or not, the Wanderers were back on the winning trail, and now faced relegated Weymouth at Loakes Park on a sunny May Day Bank Holiday afternoon in our final home league match of the season. Things rarely go according to script in football and the comfortable win which many of the 2,000 crowd expected did not materialise. Despite the anti-climax of a goalless draw, the Wycombe Wanderers players lapped the pitch after the final whistle, shaking the hands of the fans who appreciated their efforts and achievements over the course of a magnificent season. All that then remained was the final away match at Northwich, which as it turned out was a more fitting finale, as Team captain Glyn Creaser finally scored his first league goal for Wycombe with a perfectly placed header after only four minutes, but Northwich recovered to lead 2-1 at half time. Midway through the second half, two goals in three minutes by Mark West and Andy Russell reversed the scores again and the 3-2 win was our 11th away win of a season (eight more than our previous best in a season, and a figure bettered only by champions Maidstone). The victory, which was acclaimed enthusiastically, of course, by loyal fans who had seen so many fine away performances by the team over the previous nine months, meant that we finished in 4th place in the GM Conference table, behind Maidstone, Kettering and Boston.

No silverware had been won by the team, but in finishing 4th in the Conference it had achieved more than many of us had dared to hope for; there had been so many memorable victories, so many courageous performances given, so much attractive, attacking football played, so many large crowds at Loakes Park, so much renewed pride and increased interest in the town's football club, that Jim Kelman biggest worry now would surely be how to follow it all. Away from the playing side, the club's new stadium began to take shape through the summer months and should be ready for the start of the 1990-91 season, giving this coming season the added significance of being the club's final season at its much loved Loakes Park headquarters, after nearly 100 years on the site. It will be an emotional departure, but also an adventurous one which demonstrates the Club's ambitious plans for the future. The Clubs future should be bright from the formation of under 12 and under 13 teams under the names of Wycombe Wanderers Lions - these sides to be additions to the existing reserves and youth teams - another example of the Clubs growing commitment to involving itself in the local community. Success, they say, breeds success, and we can but hope that the tremendous success of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club during 1989-90 will do likewise over the coming seasons.

Simon Burrage



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G.M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE SURVEY 1988/89

TEAM	HOME			versus	LOWEST	VERSUS	AWAY			TOTAL			% INC OR DEC.	
	NO	TOTAL	AVRG				NO	TOTAL	AVRG	NO	TOTAL	AVRG		
Kettering Town	20	50089	2504	4450	Welling United	1083	Northwich Vic	20	35237	1761	40	85326	2133	+81
Barnet	20	48626	2431	4247	Enfield	1488	Fisher Athletic	20	26862	1343	40	75488	1887	- 8
Yeovil Town	20	47903	2395	3691	Weymouth	1957	Fisher Athletic	20	25820	1291	40	73723	1843	+ 7
Wycombe W	20	44967	2248	4890	Kettering Town	1304	Cheltenham T	20	27134	1356	40	72101	1802	+54
Boston United	20	36607	1830	3343	Kettering Town	1050	Northwich Vic	20	24098	1204	40	60705	1517	+18
Kidderminster	20	30047	1502	2841	Macclesfield Town	915	Altrincham	20	30135	1506	40	60182	1504	+12
Macclesfield T	20	28655	1432	2196	Kettering Town	733	Fisher Athletic	20	31978	1598	40	60633	1515	+19
Cheltenham Town	20	24909	1245	2241	Kettering Town	856	Boston Utd	20	23626	1181	40	48535	1213	- 6
Telford United	20	24705	1235	2122	Kidderminster H	935	Sutton United	20	25913	1295	40	50618	1265	-16
Aylesbury United	20	23531	1176	2406	Wycombe Wanderers	742	Welling Utd	20	23806	1190	40	47337	1183	+24
Stafford Rangers	20	22364	1118	1887	Telford United	774	Yeovil Town	20	25216	1260	40	47580	1189	- 9
Maidstone United	20	20737	1036	2861	Kettering Town	506	Chorley	20	28938	1446	40	49675	1241	+ 6
Welling United	20	20330	1016	2541	Maidstone Utd	603	Weymouth	20	26047	1302	40	46377	1159	+16
Altrincham	20	18597	929	2139	Macclesfield Town	332	Sutton Utd	20	25803	1290	40	44400	1110	-31
Weymouth	20	18254	912	2480	Yeovil Town	342	Macclesfield Town	20	25764	1288	40	44018	1100	-39
Chorley	20	17822	891	1834	Barnet	480	Yeovil Town	20	26129	1306	40	43951	1098	+78
Sutton United	20	17163	858	1438	Kettering Town	501	Stafford Rangers	20	23532	1176	40	40695	1017	+26
Runcorn	20	15693	784	1155	Macclesfield Town	558	Aylesbury United	20	25284	1264	40	40977	1024	+ 1
Enfield	20	15594	779	2240	Barnet	437	Cheltenham Town	20	27302	1365	40	42896	1072	+ 1
Northwich Victoria	20	15060	753	1568	Macclesfield Town	501	Sutton United	20	22477	1123	40	37537	938	- 4
Fisher Athletic	20	10559	527	805	Wycombe Wanderers	304	Northwich Victoria	20	21111	1055	40	31670	791	-10

Aggregate
1988/89
552,190

Average
Gate
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%
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+5

Gates
over 1,000
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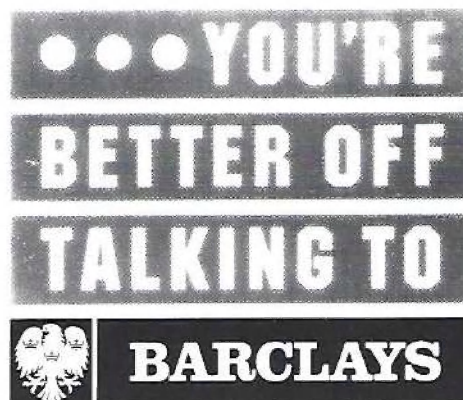
Gates
over 2,000
79

Clubs
with % Inc.
13

HIGHEST ATTENDANCES 1988-89

4,890	Wycombe Wanderers	v	Kettering Town	8th April 1989
4,450	Kettering Town	v	Welling United	1st April 1989
4,377	Kettering Town	v	Kidderminster Harriers	25th March 1989
4,247	Barnet	v	Enfield	2nd January 1989
4,239	Wycombe Wanderers	v	Kidderminster Harriers	18th February 1989
3,873	Wycombe Wanderers	v	Macclesfield Town	27th March 1989
3,691	Yeovil Town	v	Weymouth	26th December 1988
3,343	Boston United	v	Kettering Town	2nd January 1989
3,253	Kettering Town	v	Macclesfield Town	22nd April 1989

IT'S NO GOOD SHOUTING AT THE REF!



G. M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE FINAL TABLE 1988-89

Pos	Team	PL	Home					Away					DIFF	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Maidstone United	40	12	5	3	48	22	13	4	3	44	24	46	84
2	Kettering Town	40	16	1	3	35	15	7	6	7	21	24	17	76
3	Boston United	40	12	3	5	36	28	10	5	5	25	23	10	74
4	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	40	9	7	4	34	25	11	4	5	34	27	16	71
5	Kidderminster Harriers	40	10	4	6	32	32	11	2	7	36	25	11	69
6	Runcorn	40	11	3	6	39	22	8	5	7	38	31	24	65
7	Macclesfield Town	40	9	5	6	31	26	8	5	7	32	31	6	61
8	Barnet	40	11	2	7	36	30	7	5	8	28	39	- 5	61
9	Yeovil Town	40	8	5	7	34	30	7	6	7	34	37	1	56
10	Northwich Victoria	40	8	5	7	31	30	6	6	8	33	35	1	53
11	Welling United	40	8	6	6	27	16	6	5	9	18	30	1	53
12	Sutton United	40	10	5	5	43	26	2	10	8	21	28	10	51
13	Enfield	40	7	4	9	33	32	7	4	9	29	35	- 5	50
14	Altrincham	40	6	8	6	24	23	7	2	11	27	38	-10	49
15	Cheltenham Town	40	7	7	6	32	29	5	5	10	23	29	- 3	48
16	Telford United	40	5	5	10	17	24	8	4	8	20	19	- 6	48
17	Chorley	40	6	4	10	26	32	7	2	11	31	39	-14	45
18	Fisher Athletic	40	6	4	10	31	32	4	7	9	24	33	-10	41
19	Stafford Rangers	40	7	4	9	27	32	4	3	13	22	42	-25	40
20	Aylesbury United	40	7	4	9	27	30	2	5	13	16	41	-28	36
21	Weymouth	40	6	7	7	27	30	1	3	16	10	40	-33	31

G. M. VAUXHALL CONFERENCE RESULTS 1988/89

	ALTRINCHAM	AYLESBURY UTD	BARNET	BOSTON UTD	CHELTHENHAM T	CHORLEY	ENFIELD	FISHER ATH	KETTERING TOWN	KIDDERMINSTER	MACCLESFIELD T	MAIDSTONE UTD	NEWPORT COUNTY	NORTHWICH	RUNCORN	STAFFORD RANG	SUTTON UNITED	TELFORD UNITED	WELLING UNITED	WEYMOUTH	WYCOMBE WANDS	YEAVIL TOWN
ALTRINCHAM	*	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-2	3-1	1-3	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	3-1	2-1	2-2	2-2
AYLESBURY UTD	1-2	*	1-3	1-2	0-0	4-3	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-5	1-2	1-2	-	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	4-1	0-2	3-2
BARNET	3-0	1-0	*	0-0	3-1	2-4	2-1	2-3	3-2	0-2	1-4	2-1	4-1	2-0	3-2	1-2	1-1	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-0	2-0
BOSTON UTD	3-1	2-0	5-0	*	1-1	2-0	3-2	2-4	1-1	0-2	3-2	1-4	1-1	2-1	0-6	2-1	3-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	1-1
CHELTHENHAM TOWN	2-1	0-0	1-2	3-1	*	2-2	3-2	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-0	0-4	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-1
CHORLEY	1-0	1-1	2-3	0-1	1-4	*	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	0-1	1-3	0-2	3-1	1-3	3-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	3-2	2-3
ENFIELD	2-1	2-1	4-0	1-2	3-4	1-2	*	2-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	0-3	4-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	3-4	1-1
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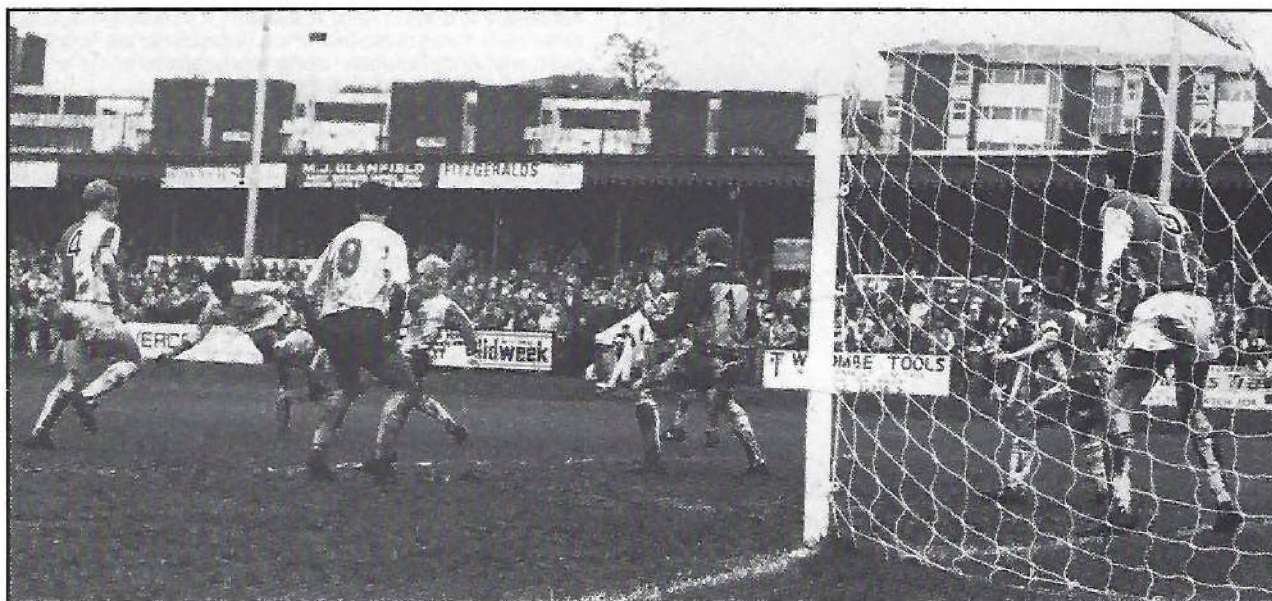
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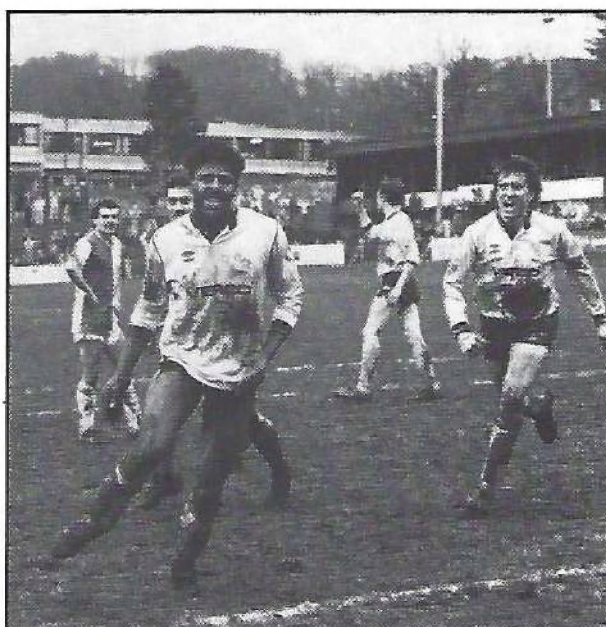
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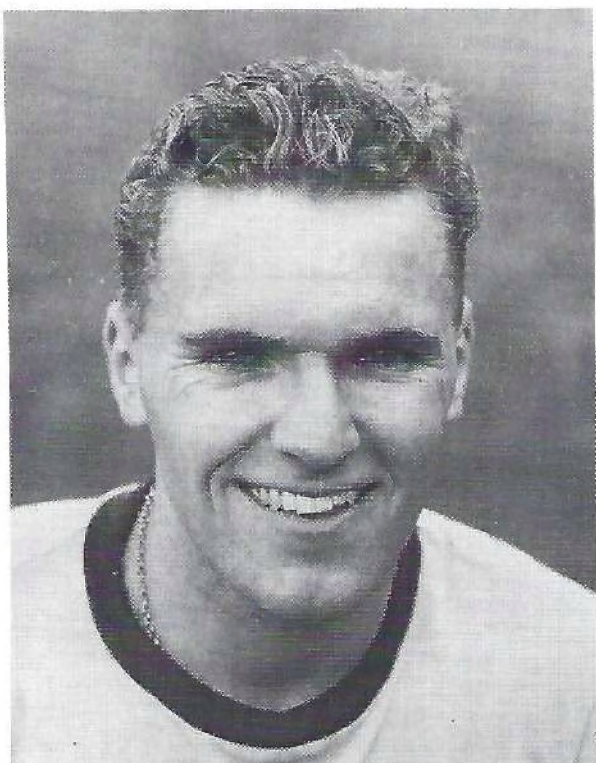
Salute to the Casworks

Front Cover photo's top left: On the defence against Macclesfield on Easter Monday.

centre: 4,890 at Lookes Park, the largest Conference gate of the season, watch Nicky Evans cross against Kettering Town.

bottom left: Kevin Durham, Andy Robinson, Dave Carroll and others celebrate the winning goal at Aylesbury on Boxing Day.

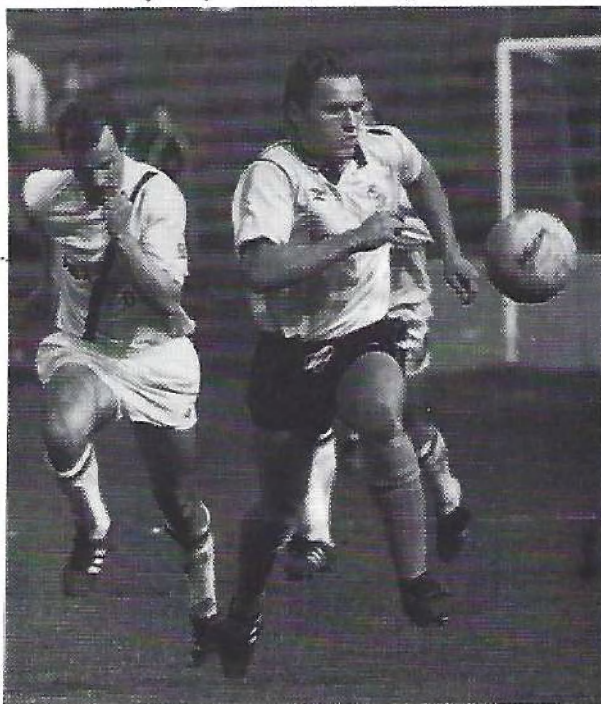
SEAN NORMAN - A Sad Farewell by Philip Ball



Whilst preparing the end of season statistics I was pleasantly surprised to find that Sean Norman had appeared exactly 100 times for the Wanderers. Having reached such a great milestone for the club, it came as an even sadder surprise to read the news that Sean had been transferred to Wealdstone for £10,000.

Despite reading reports of internal wrangling between club and player, I assumed that these would be ironed out in a similar way to those involving Kevin Durham, working on the assumption that Sean was not likely to really want to leave, and the club would not really want to lose him.

Sean Norman's arrival from Colchester in November 1987 was quite a scoop for our troubled manager Peter Suddaby, and at the incredibly low price of £2,500, will go down as the most



significant signing during his brief reign. Sean's influence was undoubtedly a major factor in us retaining our GMVC place that season.

Throughout that season Sean was an automatic selection for the left-back position - a position that is one of the trickiest positions on the field to fill.

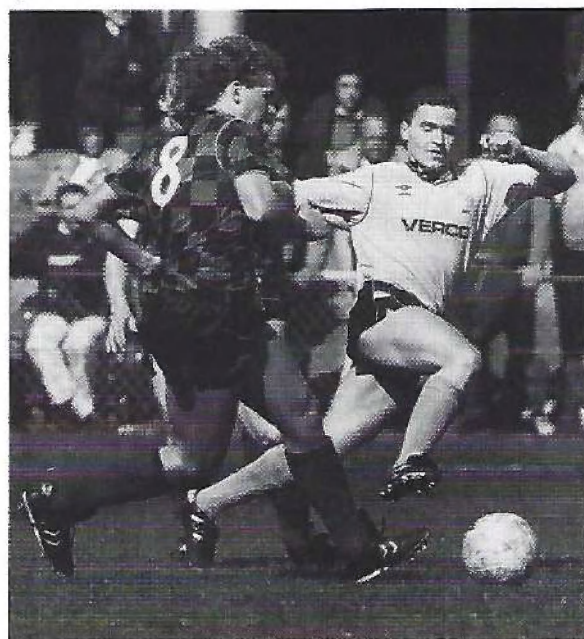
When the 88/89 season started the defence was something of a problem, with Jim Kelman quite rightly only being happy with Keith Barrett and Sean Norman, and it wasn't until the injection of Steve Abbley, Andy Kerr and Glyn Creaser did we have the basis of the defence that would serve us so well through to the end of the season. Due to injuries and suspension it was necessary to bring in Andy Robinson for periods to help out, but essentially it was these five which became the backbone of the team, with Andy Robinson being sorely missed from the midfield when he had to stand in at the back.

Several times during the season Sean Norman was dropped from the team, but this usually only lasted for one match, as his absence left a large gap at the back, which was frequently taken advantage of by the opposition. No blame could be attached to those players who came into the unfamiliar left-back position, namely Matt Crossley, Andy Kerr and Dave Carroll, who did their best in the tricky role, but it was seen as a strange tactical change by those who witnessed it.

It was these strange moves which actually gave the first signs that there may be more behind Sean Norman being dropped than simply believing someone else could do a better job in that position.

Sometimes, we have to accept it, there may be personal differences, or different attitudes, that mean that it is in the best interest of the parties involved to go their separate ways, and Jim Kelman believes that to be the case with Sean Norman.

Nevertheless, it is always sad to see a great, popular player leave the club, and let us hope that Jim can find a suitable replacement.



Let us all thank Sean Norman for all he has done for Wycombe Wanderers, and wish him the very best of luck in the future wherever he may play.

Sean Norman's full playing record with Wycombe Wanderers:- Appearances

	GMVC	FAC	FAT	B&B	Others	Total
1987/88	26	0	1	2	9	38
1988/89	40	3	5	1	13	62
Total	66	3	6	3	22	100

Goals

	GMVC	B&B	Others	Total
1987/88	3	1	1	5
1988/89	2	0	0	2
Total	5	1	1	7

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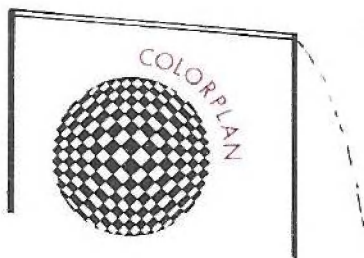
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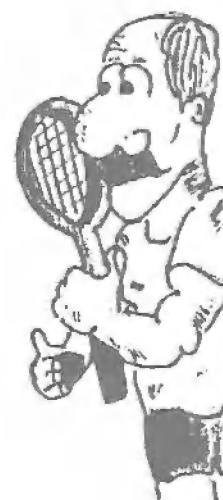
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Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	LEYTONSTONE/ILFORD	42	26	11	5	76	36	89
2	Farnborough Town	42	24	9	9	85	61	81
3	Slough Town	42	24	6	12	72	42	78
4	Carshalton Athletic	42	19	15	8	59	36	72
5	Grays Athletic	42	19	13	10	62	47	70
6	Kingstonian	42	19	11	12	54	37	68
7	Bishop's Stortford	42	20	6	16	70	56	66
8	Hayes	42	18	12	12	61	47	66
9	Bognor Regis Town	42	17	11	14	38	49	62
10	Barking	42	16	13	13	49	45	61
11	Wokingham Town	42	15	11	16	60	54	56
12	Hendon	42	13	17	12	51	68	56
13	Windsor & Eton	42	14	13	15	52	50	55
14	Bromley	42	13	15	14	61	48	54
15	Leyton-Wingate	42	13	15	14	55	56	54
16	Dulwich Hamlet	42	12	12	18	58	57	48
17	St Albans City	42	12	9	21	51	59	45
18	Dagenham	42	11	12	19	53	68	45
19	Harrow Borough	42	9	13	20	53	75	40
20	Marlow	42	9	11	22	48	83	38
21	Tooting & Mitcham	42	10	6	26	41	81	36
22	Croydon	42	4	9	29	27	81	21

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Final Table 1988/89

Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	MERTHYR TYDFIL	42	26	7	9	104	58	85
2	Dartford	42	25	7	10	79	33	82
3	V S Rugby	42	24	7	11	64	43	79
4	Worcester City	42	20	13	9	72	49	73
5	Cambridge City	42	20	10	12	72	51	70
6	Dover	42	19	12	11	64	47	69
7	Gosport Borough	42	18	12	12	73	57	66
8	Burton Albion	42	18	10	14	79	68	64
9	Bath City	42	15	13	14	66	51	58
10	Bromsgrove Rovers	42	14	16	12	68	56	58
11	Wealdstone	42	16	10	16	60	52	58
12	Crawley Town	42	14	16	12	61	56	58
13	Dorchester	42	14	16	12	56	61	58
14	Alvechurch	42	16	8	18	56	59	56
15	Moor Green	42	14	13	15	58	70	55
16	Corby Town	42	14	11	17	55	59	53
17	Waterlooville	42	13	13	16	61	63	52
18	Ashford Town	42	13	13	16	59	76	52
19	Fareham	42	15	6	21	43	68	51
20	Leicester United	42	6	11	25	46	84	29
21	Redditch United	42	5	7	30	36	105	22
22	Bedworth United	42	4	7	31	36	102	19

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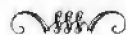
Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	BARROW	42	26	9	7	69	35	87
2	Hyde United	42	24	8	10	77	44	80
3	Witton Albion	42	22	13	7	67	39	79
4	Bangor City	42	22	10	10	77	48	76
5	Marine	42	23	7	12	69	48	76
6	Goole Town	42	22	7	13	75	60	73
7	Fleetwood Town	42	19	16	7	53	44	73
8	Rhyl	42	18	10	14	75	65	64
9	Frickley Athletic	42	17	10	15	64	53	61
10	Mossley	42	17	9	16	56	58	60
11	South Liverpool	42	15	13	14	65	57	58
12	Caernarfon Town	42	15	10	17	49	63	55
13	Matlock Town	42	16	5	21	65	73	53
14	Southport	42	13	12	17	66	52	51
15	Buxton	42	12	14	16	61	63	50
16	Morecambe	42	13	9	20	65	60	47*
17	Gainsborough	42	12	11	19	56	73	47
18	Shepshead Charterhouse	42	14	8	20	49	60	44#
19	Stalybridge Celtic	42	9	13	20	46	81	40
20	Horwich	42	7	14	21	42	70	35
21	Gateshead	42	7	13	22	36	70	34
22	Worksop Town	42	6	5	31	42	103	23

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	GM	GM	TITLE	PPA	CLUBCALL	TOTAL
	V'HALL	V'HALL	AWARD		CUP	
	SP'SHIP	J'KPOT				
MAIDSTONE UNITED	3,000	1,000	5,000	2,000	500	11,500
BARNET	3,000	500	-	2,000	2,500	8,000
KETTERING TOWN	3,000	-3,000	2,000	-	8,000	
BOSTON UNITED	3,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	7,000
RUNCORN	3,000	917	-	2,000	1,000	6,917
YEOVIL TOWN	3,000	750	-	2,000	-	5,750
STAFFORD RANGERS	3,000	167	-	2,000	500	5,667
FISHER ATHLETIC	3,000	500	-	2,000	-	5,500
KIDDERMINSTER H	3,000	-	-	2,000	500	5,500
SUTTON UNITED	3,000	-	-	2,000	500	5,500
CHORLEY	3,000	167	-	2,000	-	5,167

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23	CHRIS CAMDEN MARK CARTER	(STAFFORD R) (RUNCORN)	+ -	9 -	2 1
22	KEN CHARLERY	(MAIDSTONE UTD)	+ 4	-	-
21	STEVE BURR DON PAGE	(MACCLESFIELD T) (EX-RUNCORN)	+ 1	5 -	- 3
20	PAUL DAVIES LENNY DENNIS MARK WEST	(KIDDERMINSTER H) (SUTTON UTD) (WYCOMBE W)	+ 3 4	1 1 2	4 5 -
18	RONNIE ELLIS DERRICK PARKER	(ALTRINCHAM) (NORTHWICH V)	+ 2	- 2	- -
16	PHIL POWER GUY WHITTINGHAM	(CHORLEY) (YEOVIL T)	+ -	1 -	- -
15	CHRIS COOK DEAN NEAL PAUL WILSON	(BOSTON UTD) (FISHER ATH) (BOSTON UTD)	+ 6 5	1 - 1	1 - -
14	MALCOLM O'CONNOR	(NORTHWICH V)	+ 8	1	1
13	GARY ABBOTT PHIL DERBYSHIRE ERNIE MOSS FRANK MURPHY	(ENFIELD) (MACCLESFIELD T) (KETTERING T) (BARNET)	+ - 1 2	4 - 3 -	- 1 - 2

	GM	GM	TITLE	PPA	CLUBCALL	TOTAL
	VX'HALL	VX'HALL	AWARD		CUP	
	SP'SHIP	JK'POT				
ALTRINCHAM	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
AYLESBURY UNITED	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
CHELTHENHAM TOWN	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
ENFIELD	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
MACCLESFIELD TOWN	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
NEWPORT COUNTY	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
NORTHWICH VICTORIA	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
TELFORD UNITED	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
WELLING UNITED	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
WEYMOUTH	3,000	-	-	2,000	-	5,000
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	APPEARANCES								GOALS							
	GMVC	FAC	FAT	CC	B&B	CL	FR	TOT	GMVC	FAC	FAT	CC	B&B	CL	FR	TOT
Steve Abbley	42	4	6	2	1	1	4	60	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Keith Barrett	27	4	3	2	-	3	2	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Martin Blackler	29	4	4	2	1	7	3	50	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	5
Mark Boyland	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Mark Butler	5	-	1	-	-	9	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Dave Carroll	29	2	6	1	2	1	-	41	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Glyn Creaser	32	3	6	2	2	1	-	46	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Steve Crompton	6	-	-	-	2	15	4	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Matthew Crossley	17	-	-	-	1	7	1	25	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Kevin Day	11	3	1	1	-	5	3	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dion Dublin	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Kevin Durham	41	3	6	1	1	2	3	57	15	3	-	-	-	2	1	21
Nicky Evans	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
John Granville	36	4	5	2	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Brian Greenaway	5	3	-	1	-	2	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Andy Kerr	19	2	5	1	2	7	-	36	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	4
John Kerr	29	2	6	-	2	3	-	42	13	-	3	-	3	3	-	22
Gary Lester	-	-	1	-	1	7	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Sean Norman	40	3	5	2	1	7	4	62	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Lawrence Osborne	15	-	3	1	2	5	-	28	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
John Regan	4	2	-	1	-	5	-	12	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	6
Andy Robinson	41	4	6	2	2	3	3	61	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3
Martin Roderick	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Andy Russell	3	-	-	-	-	7	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Nigel Taylor	7	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Mark West	42	4	6	1	1	1	3	58	23	4	2	-	1	1	1	32
Scott Young	12	3	-	2	-	6	2	25	-	1	-	2	-	2	1	6
Appearances include those as substitute								O.G	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
TOTALS									78	9	9	3	6	27	5	137

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NON-FIRST TEAM PLAYERS APPEARANCE & GOALS 1988/89

	APPEARANCES				GOALS			APPEARANCES				GOALS	
	B&B	CL	FR	TOT	CL			B&B	CL	FR	TOT	CL	
Ejo Alberg	-	1	-	1	-		Stewart Peek	-	2	-	2	1	
Cliff Alleyne	-	2	-	2	-		Richard Price	-	4	-	4	-	
Paul Benning	-	8	-	8	-		Glen Price	-	-	1	1	-	
Mike Brady	2	3	-	5	-		John Ray	-	5	1	6	-	
Darren Britnell	-	1	-	1	-		Alan Ricketts	-	1	-	1	-	
Steve Dale	1	6	-	7	-		Danny Rippon	-	-	1	1	-	
Nick Dean	2	5	1	8	-		Alan Sawyer	-	1	-	1	-	
Matthew Elworthy	1	18	-	19	6		Mark Sherlock	-	3	-	3	-	
Graham Freshwater	-	11	-	11	-		Scott Sidley	2	12	1	15	-	
Russell Goodenough	-	1	-	1	-		Andy Spurr	1	4	-	5	1	
Jason Gregory	-	7	-	7	-		Gary Stanbrook	-	2	-	2	-	
Steve Guppy	-	3	-	3	-		Paul Steiger	-	2	-	2	-	
Steve Head	-	2	-	2	1		Andy Styles	-	-	-	0	-	
Tim Hinton	1	12	-	13	1		Keiron Sullivan	1	2	-	3	-	
Alan Jeffries	-	1	-	1	-		Stuart Taverner	-	1	-	1	-	
Andy Kale	-	1	-	1	-		Alex Twitchen	-	1	-	1	-	
John Kiddie	-	3	-	3	-		Brian Vasey	-	2	1	3	-	
Darren Kipping	1	3	-	4	-		Steve Waters	-	8	-	8	6	
Jeff Lissaman	-	2	3	5	-		Dave Watson	-	1	-	1	-	
Paul Lockyer	-1	1	-	1	-		Robert Wignall	-	1	-	1	-	
Charles Manley	-	1	-	1	-		Mat Wilson	2	5	1	8	-	
Adam Markwell	1	14	-	15	3		Simon Wiltshire	-	3	-	3	-	
Richard May	-	1	-	1	1		Peter Wrack	-	5	-	5	-	
David Meli	2	14	1	17	1		Total					20	
Chokri Mossaddik	-	1	-	1	-		Appearances includes those as substitutes						
Kevin O'Shea	-	1	-	1	-		Key:						
Paul Odey	-	1	-	1	-		B&B = Berks & Bucks Cup						
Charlie Okonkwo	-	1	-	1	-		FR = Friendly CL = Wendy Fair Capital League						

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Capital League Table

Final Table 1988/89

Pos	Team	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts		AYLESBURY UNITED	BARNET	BRENTFORD	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	COLCHESTER UNITED	ENFIELD	GILLINGHAM	LEYTON ORIENT	SOUTHEND UNITED	WEALDSTONE	WELLING UNITED	WOKINGHAM TOWN	WYCOMBE WANDERERS
1	Barnet	24	17	3	4	51	30	21	54	AYLESBURY	•	1-1	0-1	0-6	0-3	0-4	3-2	1-2	1-2	3-2	0-2	1-1	2-0
2	Orient	24	15	2	7	55	33	22	47	BARNET	4-0	•	3-0	3-2	3-2	2-1	4-3	4-2	2-3	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-1
3	Brentford	24	14	4	6	50	30	20	46	BRENTFORD	5-1	0-2	•	0-1	1-1	9-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0
4	Cambridge	24	12	5	7	58	33	25	41	CAMBRIDGE	2-2	2-2	3-1	•	0-2	10-1	3-1	0-3	2-0	3-2	3-2	2-0	0-1
5	Southend	24	12	4	8	48	30	18	40	COLCHESTER	3-0	1-2	1-2	1-1	•	3-2	3-2	2-2	1-0	2-2	5-1	1-1	4-6
6	Colchester	24	10	6	8	52	47	5	36	ENFIELD	3-1	1-4	2-3	0-5	2-4	•	1-3	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	1-0
7	Wealdstone	24	11	3	10	46	53	-7	36	GILLINGHAM	6-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-4	2-0	•	1-2	0-2	2-2	6-0	2-2	3-1
8	Gillingham	24	9	5	10	50	40	10	32	ORIENT	4-0	2-1	2-5	0-1	3-1	5-2	6-1	•	2-4	2-3	2-0	3-2	2-0
9	Wycombe	24	9	3	12	47	45	2	30	SOUTHEND	9-1	1-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	5-1	1-0	0-1	•	1-0	5-2	1-1	1-1
10	Enfield	24	7	3	14	39	71	-32	24	WEALDSTONE	2-0	2-0	1-2	0-6	2-5	3-2	1-5	1-0	1-0	•	2-1	1-1	1-4
11	Welling	24	6	4	14	42	61	-19	22	WELLING	3-0	0-1	3-4	3-3	3-0	4-2	2-3	1-4	2-0	4-6	•	2-2	2-3
12	Wokingham	24	4	9	11	32	45	-13	21	WOKINGHAM	2-1	0-2	1-2	3-0	3-1	3-4	1-1	0-3	1-3	1-3	2-2	•	1-0
13	Aylesbury	24	3	3	18	19	71	-52	12	WYCOMBE	2-1	2-3	2-2	2-2	6-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	1-4	6-3	4-0	4-1	•

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THANK YOU KEITH BARRETT

by Philip Ball

Following our relegation from the Gola League in 1985/86 there was great determination at the club to regain our place in the Alliance at the first attempt. As that Vauxhall-Opel League season kicked-off the mood at the club was far from optimistic. - John Maskell had been sacked as assistant manager, star striker Simon Read had gone to Farnborough, Bob Dell had gone to Harrow Borough, Kevin Collins was due to leave for the U.S.A. soon, and the biggest blow of all was that central defender Anton Vircaus had decided to go to Cheltenham. This left Alan Gane with big problems, and the signings of unknown's Kevin Durham, Paul Hackett and Byron Walton did not boost the confidence.

Alan Gane, though, knew he had a trump card up his sleeve, and those fans who turned up to the pre-season friendly against Enfield gradually started to pick up the rumours around the Loakes Park terracing. When the teams ran out onto the pitch, half of the rumour was confirmed, as Keith Barrett led out the Wanderers, and the more knowledgeable non-league fans spotted Noel Ashford watching from the stand.

Alan Gane had played a master stroke in gaining the signatures of the two Non-League England Internationals, despite the competition of numerous other top clubs eager for the pair who had played together for the previous 10 seasons under the managerial maestro Eddie McClusky, including four seasons at Barking and then six seasons at Enfield.

Keith Barrett's influence took over straight away, and along with Kevin Day, Neil Price and Kirk Corbin formed a defensive line that was to provide the backbone of a team that was to dominate the Vauxhall-Opel League and bring the Championship to Loakes Park at the first attempt. Keith Barrett's experience, which included 16 England Non-League caps, made his very presence at the back a calming influence on those around him, particularly for players such as Kevin Day who was in his first season at the top level. Keith was almost ever present during that season, and was a dominant force throughout, and was rewarded suitably as he held the Championship Trophy aloft after clinching the title at Hitchin, and a week later was holding high the Berks & Bucks Cup at Wolverton.

Keith then had the honour of leading the team back into the Alliance, and again the season started under a cloud. Internal wranglings at the club due to lack of funding for Alan Gane's rebuilding plans, led to the departure of the popular manager, and also went Keith's footballing companion Noel Ashford. Although clearly unhappy about the events, Keith signed a two year contract to stay at Loakes Park.

The 1987/88 season was not a happy one, but under new manager Jim Kelman the season was rescued and our GMVC place was secured. Keith Barrett was his usual commanding figure at the back, again almost ever present throughout the season. Partnered at the back either by Nigel Gray, Kevin Day or Matt Crossley, Keith was always the manager's first choice in defence.

1988/89 saw a number of challenger's for the number 5 shirt, with Glyn Creaser taking over at number 4, namely Kevin Day, Matt Crossley and Andy Kerr, but Keith held on to his place and was a major influence in our fantastic form throughout the season. Again Keith was almost ever present up until January when he sustained an achilles tendon injury which kept him out of regular playing for the rest of the season.

As the current season started, it was clear that Keith Barrett did not appear in Jim Kelman's plan's for the future, and he decided to team up with his old friend Noel Ashford at Redbridge Forest, a new team formed from the ashes of Walthamstow Avenue and Leytonstone/Ilford.

We all wish him the very best of luck in his final years on the field, and thank him for all he has done at Loakes Park, both on and off the pitch. He has been the major influence on the pitch for the last three seasons, and despite having his critics, his name was always the first to go down on the teamsheet throughout those years.

Thank you Keith.

Keith Barrett's full playing record for Wycombe Wanderers:-

	APPEARANCES							TOTAL
	GMVC	VOL	FAC	FAT	B&B	OTHER CUPS	OTHERS	
1986/87		39	1	2	4	7	5	58
1987/88	38	-	1	1	2	3	8	53
1988/89	27	-	4	3	-	2	5	41
Totals	65	39	6	6	6	12	18	152

	GOALS			OTHERS	TOTAL
	GMVC	VOL			
1986/87		3			3
1987/88	2		1		3
Totals	2	3	1		6

Wycombe Wanderers End of Season Tour to Portugal

Report by John Goldsworthy

23rd May 1989 vs Imortal, Albufeira of the Portuguese Third Division. Played on the ground of Silves F.C. Silves at 6.00 p.m.

Result: IMORTAL 3 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 2

Half-time Imortal 3 Wycombe 0

Team:-

1. Steve Crompton	8. Adam Markwell
2. Steve Abbley	9. Mark West
3. Sean Norman	10. Mark Butler
4. Glyn Creaser	11. Kevin Durham
5. Kevin Day	14. Tim Hinton (80 mins for Butler)
6. Andy Kerr	15. Mat Elworthy (46 mins for Markwell)
7. Andy Robinson	12. Gary Lester Not Used.

Scorers:

Kevin Durham 48 minutes

Mat Elworthy 57 minutes

Referee: Victor Cardoso Attendance: Approximately 250

Linesmen: Juvenal Eusebio and Joaquim Gomes

Match Details

Player of the Match - Kevin Durham.

Imortal took the lead after two minutes followed by a second on 16 minutes and a third on 25 minutes. All goals were due to defensive errors which were capitalised on by the Imortal players with considerable technical skill. At the other end opportunities were made but in comparison to the Portuguese players our finishing was very poor, only once really forcing the 'keeper into a good save. At half time both sides made substitutes. The match was already won and lost and Wycombe only had their pride to play for. In the event they managed to restore some of their pride and indeed had opportunities of levelling the score. Some frustration was caused by the off-side trap of the Portuguese, assisted by some poor decisions by a linesman. Conclusion: Could have done better.

25th May 1989 vs Portimonense of the Portuguese First Division Played at Portimao at 6.00 p.m.

Result: PORTIMONESE 8 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 3

Half-time Portimonense 4 Wycombe 1

Team:-

1. Gary Lester	8. Kevin Durham
2. Steve Abbley	9. Mark West
3. Sean Norman	10. Mark Butler
4. Glyn Creaser	11. Mat Elworthy
5. Kevin Day	12. Tim Hinton (80 mins for West)
6. Andy Kerr	14. Adam Markwell (80 mins for Day)
7. Andy Robinson	

Scorers:

Kevin Day 42 minutes

Kevin Durham 66 minutes

Mark Butler 85 minutes

Referee: Francisco Silva. FIFA Attendance: approximately 2,500

Match Details

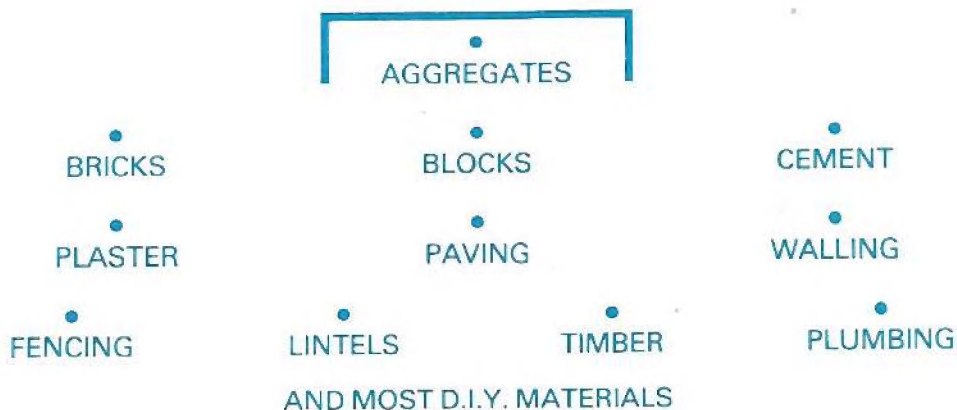
The Portimonense team included three internationals - keeper and left winger from Portugal and centre-forward from Bulgaria. They also had a Dutch centre-half. They were a team of high technical skill and caused us all sorts of problems with their short passing game and mobility. We employed a man to man marking system that was pulled out of position by their mobility. Many times Creaser and Norman found themselves in the opponents penalty area due to this circular pattern of play, which exposed us at the back and we paid for it with an avalanche of goals. Even though we were outplayed we stuck to our task and were at least rewarded with three goals. Our outstanding player was Kevin Durham who would have comfortably fitted into their team.

Conclusion: A good result bearing in mind the vast difference in standards.

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AWARDS 1988/89



Steve Abbley, who was voted Player of the Month for both November and December.



Andy Kerr received his award for Player of the Month for February.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

September	Kevin Durham
October	Glyn Creaser
November	Steve Abbley
December	Steve Abbley
January	John Kerr
February	Andy Kerr
March	John Granville

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY MANAGER OF THE MONTH

September	Peter Wragg	Macclesfield Town
October	Barrie Williams	Sutton United
November	Nicky Allner	Kidderminster Harriers
December	Nicky Brigden	Welling United
January	Cliff Roberts	Northwich Victoria
February	Jim Kelman	Wycombe Wanderers
	Peter Wragg	Macclesfield Town
March	Barry Whitbread	Runcorn
April	John Still	Maidstone United



Jim Kelman proudly accepts his award as Manager of the Month for February.

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY GOALSCORER OF THE MONTH

September	Steve Burr	Macclesfield Town
October	Dean Neal	Fisher Athletic
November	Lenny Dennis	Sutton United
December	Don Page	Runcorn
January	John Kerr	Wycombe Wanderers
February	Gary Abbott	Enfield
March	Mark Boyland	Cheltenham Town
April	Steve Butler	Maidstone United

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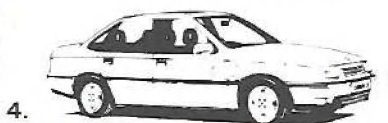
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